

At the fall convention of the North Carolina Jaycees, The Anson County chapter also was awarded first place out of approximately 90 chapters.

Individual members were also recognized for their successes: Ken Caulder, Mark Snuggs, and Jennifer Tucker were 3 of the Anson Chapter's 48 members who were singled out for their good deeds.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Anson County Jaycees on the difference they are making on our community and I wish them continued success as they look forward to the next convention in February 2000.

#### TRIBUTE TO CATCH IN PHILADELPHIA

#### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 13, 1999*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Citizens Acting Together Can Help (CATCH), as it celebrates its 20 years of service and commitment to the community. CATCH is a non-profit organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 12, 1976. The Corporation was established to assume responsibilities for the operation of the Community Mental Health and Retardation Center in Catchment Area 2B, located within the Southwestern portion of Philadelphia.

On July 1, 1979 CATCH assumed full responsibilities for the operations of the Community Mental Health Center, giving the Center the operational name of CATCH Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center. The Center is currently under the leadership of Raymond A. Pescatore, Chief Executive Officer with Edward C. Mintzer, Jr., Esq., serving as Board Chairman.

CATCH is a full-service, accredited Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center committed to serving citizens of Philadelphia.

CATCH continues to attract the attention of the community through its reputation of reliable service, leadership qualities and strong commitment. In keeping with its reputation of high quality care, CATCH serves the community offering the following services: Residential and Emergency Services, Mental Health Services and Developmental Disabilities Services.

In recognition of its years of service, I join the Citizens Acting Together Can Help, Inc., as it celebrates its 20 year anniversary.

#### IN HONOR OF MRS. STELLA M. ZANNONI

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 13, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mrs. Stella Zannoni, a retiree of the honorary consul of Italy for the State of Ohio, who died in August.

Mrs. Zannoni took an active part in her community. She was appointed honorary consul

by the Italian government in 1978, as well as being the co-owner and secretary-treasurer of Cleveland Imported Groceries and Wines Inc. At the store Mrs. Zannoni assisted customers in obtaining answers to questions about pensions, property matters and visas. In view of all who had the pleasure to know her and to work with her, she managed to help and touch the lives of tens of thousands of Clevelanders. The current honorary consul of Italy member was quoted saying that Mrs. Zannoni set an example for the Italian community with her selflessness and strength.

Mrs. Stella Zannoni received several honors and awards for her service in the Cleveland community as well as in the Italian Community. She was a steadfast believer in the art of the possible, of providing opportunities to all, and in the idea that anything was possible with the proper amount of hard work, diligence and sense of hope and optimism. She had spirit, spunk and outgoing joy for others. Mrs. Stella Zannoni will be greatly missed.

My fellow colleagues please join me in honoring the memory of Mrs. Stella Zannoni, a true beacon in the Cleveland community.

#### TRIBUTE TO BRADLEY JAY RICHES

#### HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 13, 1999*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Deputy Brad Jay Riches for the Blue and Gold Posthumous Award for his tremendous service as Deputy Sheriff for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Riches began his service originally as a Paid Call Firefighter with Orange County Fire Authority and as an Emergency Medical Technician before joining the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1989.

Deputy Riches attended the Sheriff's Academy and graduated as a Deputy Sheriff in 1990. He worked in the Musick Facility and the Central Main jail prior to his transfer to the Patrol Division in 1998. Deputy Riches began his assignment with the City of Lake Forest Police Services Unit in December 1998.

On Saturday, June 12, 1999 at approximately 1 am, Deputy Riches was making a routine patrol check of a convenience store in Lake Forest when he was suddenly and without provocation, shot and killed by a suspect. Law enforcement officers put their lives at risk daily to ensure the safety of our citizens. Deputy Brad Riches paid the ultimate price for our safety, with his very life.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to recognize Deputy Brad Riches for his tremendous service and sacrifice for the citizens of Lake Forest, California. His brave service to our community will not be forgotten.

#### THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

#### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 13, 1999*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, an outstanding non-profit association which will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on October 14, 1999.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill is a special organization whose membership includes individuals who suffer from mental illnesses and their families. These dedicated people contribute almost all the funding for this nationwide group. Their hard work and commitment to the improvement of the lives of the mentally ill is truly remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, the founders of Alliance for the Mentally Ill first met in San Mateo County, California, in 1974 to discuss their concerns about the treatment of their mentally ill children. The organization has grown tremendously since then, but it still has the same intense personal concern for the people it serves. In 1979 a national group was established, based in Washington D.C. I am happy to say that the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) now has representatives in all fifty states.

As its membership grew from ten people to over two hundred thousand, the fundamental mission of the Alliance has remained the same—to fight discrimination, to educate the public and those who are suffering, and to strive towards better treatment and research for an illness that has been historically misunderstood. This organization fights the traditional isolation and fear of mental illness with knowledge and compassion.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill provides a network of support groups and educational services to assist families of the mentally ill at the local level. It has now assumed a vital role in our nation's health care community and is working closely with professionals on a variety of programs. Some of the programs it has helped to implement include a local mental health care center and an agency that provides supported housing. Newsletters and speakers keep the community active and informed about the important issues affecting the mentally ill. The organization has promoted a greater awareness of mental illness and encouraged our community colleges to implement peer counseling programs. As always, the Alliance has focused on helping adolescents and children, who are so much in need of special support.

Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to the Alliance for the Mentally Ill on this important 25th anniversary. This outstanding organization deserves our gratitude and our congratulations for a quarter century of selfless and dedicated service to the people of our nation.